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- 25X1 1. The working day of the average doctor in Poland is about eight to ten hours. Since every doctor is compelled to offer his services to the state, working hours, in case of need, can amount to 12 hours a day. A doctor earns about 800 zloty per month.
2. The doctor is restricted in his treatment of patients by state regulations which regulate the maximum amount of sick leave to be granted by a physician to any patient; even if the doctor feels that a patient needs more sick leave than the regulation prescribes, he will not be able to allot more from fear of being declared a saboteur. The maximum sick leave allowed amounts to three days; the basis for granting the leave is fever. After three days, in case of prolonged sickness, a special medical commission can give more leave.
3. Every doctor is restricted in prescribing a drug; he cannot prescribe whatever drug he deems fit but must act according to the pertinent regulation. As a rule only domestic drugs can be prescribed; scarce foreign drugs are reserved for high state and party officials.
4. Doctors who belong to the PZPR, regardless of professional ability, have priority over the non-party members. Doctors who graduated after the present regime came to power are given priority in obtaining employment over others even in cases of pre-war specialists.
5. Medical care in Poland is free. Each employee is insured. The insurance covers free medical care and the right to buy medicines at a reduced rate. In cases of prolonged sickness the insurance covers medical treatment and convalescence in a sanatorium. Every unemployed person may insure himself at a rate established by the government. An unemployed person who has paid for insurance has the same right to medical treatment as an employed person.
6. Doctors may practice privately but only after their work at the state institution where they are employed is terminated. A private interview costs from 50 to 100 zloty or more. Many patients, if discontented with a doctor's private treatment, blackmail the physician by threatening to write an article to the press denouncing the doctor as a saboteur or reactionary.
7. The following is a list of drugs and medicines in short supply in Poland:

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Penicillin G 300,000 T.V.  
Dihydrostreptomycin  
Aureomycin  
Chloromycin  
Testosterone propionate  
Belliogal  
Hydaretal  
A.P.L.  
Antuitryn  
Gonadogen  
Anteron  
Vitamin B12  
Prenarin  
Pranon  
Iridion  
Padutin  
Dihydroergotamina  
Crystal-Violet Sperm Stain  
Stain of Papanicolaou (for staining vaginal smears)

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